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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 30, 2005. Please substitute the attached Preliminary Amendment for the Preliminary Amendment, filed April 18, 2005, and amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.